Reverend Sir

To Doctor Bearcroft

In or about the Year 1732, the Sum of 300 Pounds Sterling was bequeathed to the Society for Propagation of the Gospel, to be by them disposed in the best Manner for ye Conversion of Infidels &c by the last Will of one Mr. Jauncy: which Mony with it's accumulated Interest, was afterwards Appropriated for the use of the Minister of our Church for the Time being; as appears by an Abstract of the Societies Proceedings 1735 Page 33, in which is recorded the following Minute.

" A Benefaction of 316:17:6 paid by the
" Revd. Mr Poole, out of the Residue of the
" Estate of Edward Jauncy Esqr. deceased; which
" is particularly appropriated for the Benefit
" of the Minister of the Church of England
" at Philadelphia in Pennsylvania for the
" Time being; and the same is laid out in new
" South Sea Annuities, till Lands can be
" purchased in Pennsylvania.

Accordingly our Ministers have as we suppose received the ~~said Annuities~~ Interest from time to time ever since, but how it has happened yt the good Design of the Society for fixing ~~this~~ ~~generous~~ pious Gift in Lands, has been neglected to this Day, it is not ~~so~~ necessary for us to relate: we are now desirous that it should be done, and therefore with Submission we pray the Society would be pleased to impower the Church-Wardens to draw upon their Treasurer for the above Sum with it's advance (if there is any) and it shall immediately be laid out in a Piece of Land, and Sett to Tenants on Ground Rents, by which ~~mea~~ means

It's Income will be greatly increased; We
will take care that proper Deeds shall be
made investing the Land in the Society for the
Uses abovementioned; which Indenture shall
be ~~lodged with Mr Ross a Member of your own conveying~~
~~the Society, or~~ sent to England, or otherwise
as shall be directed by the Society.
The Society's Compliance with this our Request
~~The Request of comply with will~~
will much oblige us, and more compleatly
answer the Design of the generous
Donor, & of the Board that made
the Appropriation: we pray for
Success in your Pious Undertaking
and are your Honour's most &c

Sign'd by order

Philada Feb. 10
1759

R: J.
M
R C

Copy of the Vestry's Letter
to Revd Dr Bearcroft.

To the Reverend Father in God Thomas Lord Bishop of London
The Address of the Minister Church Wardens & Vestry men of Christ Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

May it please your Lordship.

As the American Plantations were long ago annexed by his late Majesty to the Dioceſs of London, and our Ministers here have ever since been licenced by your Lordship's Predeceſsors in that See, and these Churches are a Part of your pastoral Care; we therefore addreſs ourselves to your Lordship to give you an Acc^t of the present State of our Church, as to our Ministers.

The Revd Doctor Robert Jenny our Minister has been for two years afflicted with a paralytick & asthmatick Disorder which renders him incapable of performing any ministerial Duty; and it seems likely to continue, so that we have scarce any Hopes of his ever being able to officiate again as he is now [illegible] years old. —— The Societies Catechist, & Doctor Jenny's Aſsistant, the Rev: Mr Wm Sturgeon, supply's our Church himself in all the Parts of the ministerial Office, the Duties of which are now very great — and should it please God to visit him with any Sickneſs our Case would be very deplorable, our People would be scattered.

~~and as~~ This is become a large and populous City and in great Need of more Churches, for want of which ~~we~~ loose our People among the many Societies of Diſsenters with which this City abounds; & some who are not inclined to join them, stay at home for want of Room at church; For which Reason the Vestry ~~of this Church~~ lately came to a Resolution to build another large Church ~~[illegible]~~ as soon as poſsible, by the voluntary Contributions of our own People; The Work is accordingly begun, and many have given bountifully thereto, and we are in Hopes that with a Little Aſsistance from our Mother Country, it will in another year be ready for divine Service

It is to be a nea[t]
long & sixty fee[t]
given for that
Proprietari[es] ~~[illegible]~~

~~Now~~ By
our Affairs, yo[u]
we shall be in
these Churches,
Union, and Conco[rd]
one and the sam[e]

Seeing the
remain as above m[entioned]
we humbly pray
pastoral Care, towa[rds]
now of Clare Hall
Orders, and that
to officiate as an aſsistant in the
~~and Doubt whi~~
~~although he is no~~
~~yet we humbly~~
~~adjoining that~~
~~our Case in Penn~~
~~Maintenance is~~
~~the Establishment~~

And when you[r]
young Gentleman, w[ho]
this City, that he h[as]
Life been strongly
and his Father alive
hath sent him ho[me]
Education for tha[t]
Congregation, are
Capacity Piety and
holy Functions, a[nd]
of succeeding with

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It is to be a neat and handsom Building, ninety feet long & sixty feet broad; founded on a Lott of Ground given for that Purpose, by the honorable our Proprietaries ~~[illegible]~~.

~~[illegible]~~ By the short Narrative of the State of our Affairs your Lordship will easily perceive, that we shall be in want of ~~more~~ Ministers, to serve in these Churches, between which their is to be a happy Union, and Concord: by means of their being under one and the same Government.

Seeing therefore, that Doctor Jenney is like to remain as above mentioned so unhappily circumstanced, we humbly pray your Lordship's Influence & pastoral Care, towards getting Mr. Jacob Duche Junior now of Clare Hall in Cambridge Admitted into holy Orders, and that your Lordship will also license him to officiate as an assistant ~~to the~~ Minister in the Churches of Philada. ~~either Christ Church or St Paul's which is the new one, Although he is not of the Age required for Priests Orders, yet we humbly presume that the Reasons of the Statute enjoining that Priests should be of that Age does not affect our Case in Pensylvania where our Ministers Maintenance is on a quite different Footing from the Establishment of them in great Britain by Law~~.

And when your Lordship ~~[illegible]~~ considers that this young Gentleman, was born & bred amongst us here in this City, that he has from very early Years of his Life been strongly inclined to the Ministry himself, and his Father always concurring, who accordingly hath sent him home to England to compleat his Education for that Purpose; And that we of the Congregation, are fully satisfyed of his Virtue Capacity Piety and acquired Accomplishments for that holy Function, ~~and~~ we have ~~[illegible]~~ no Doubts of succeeding with your Lordship that Mr. Duche may

may be ordained and licenced ~~and sent~~ to come over among
us to his native Place to be one of four Assistant ~~Ministers~~ Ministers
~~with us [illegible]~~ for which purpose
he will ~~have~~ Letters by this ~~Conveyance~~ furnishing
him with Accounts of our Proceedings herein, that
he may in due time wait upon your Lordship
pursuant to our ~~Wish~~ Desire and be ordained accord-
ingly. — This we shall acknowledge as an
~~manifest~~ Instance of your Lordships pastoral
Care over us, and ~~[illegible]~~ Pray ~~[illegible]~~ for
your Happyness and Prosperity in the great
Work of being a Spiritual Father of so great
a part of the Church of England as the
Diocess of London —

We are &c

Signed by order

R. J.

R. C

E. N

Philadelphia
Feb. 10. 1759

Copy of ye Vestry's Address
to the Bp of London
Feb. 10th, 1759

Philad.a 9th May 1759

Whereas the Indiſpoſition of our Paſtor the Reverend Doctor Robt. Jenny renders it abſolutely neceſsary that an able Aſsiſtant to the Rev. Mr. William Sturgion be appointed to the Ministry and other Clerical Offices of the Church: We therefore hereby Signify our Approbation of the Rev. Mr. William Macclenahan and hope he will be appointed to that Station as we believe, if on inquiry his private Character ſhall be found agreeable to his Function, that it will tend to the Advancement of Piety and Christian Knowledge and to good Order and harmony in the Church.

We are further of Oppinion that an ample ſupport may be provided for such an Aſsiſtant by a private Subſcription in our Congregation entirely independant of the present Revenue of the Church until another is built or the decease of the Rev.d Doct Jenny

Blenmans.
Jno. Phillips.
Hu Davey.
Plunt. Fleeson
Richd. Swan.
Walter Shee.
Alexr. Moore
Thos. Cuthbert
Daniel Roberdeau
John Knowles.
James Stevenson
Robt. Towers

Dan.l Dupuy.
Jno. Ord.
Jno. Cox
Fran. Wade
Thos. Charlton
James Claypoole
Tho Lawrence.
Abram Usher
Wm. Jackson
Wm. Standley
Anthony Stocker
James Worrell
Fran. Devoer 36

Zach.y Nieman
Philip Hulbeart
Ja.s Kearpack
Thos Wells
Thomas Penrose
John Moyes
John Nixon
George [illegible]
John Palmer
Thos. Oliver
Andrew Doz

Philip Benezet — James Dougherty
Francis Harris
Sam. Hasell
Jno. Wood
Ja. Harding
Geo: Rankin
Francis Many
John Coats Jones
Ephraim Bonham
Thos. Riche
Jno Reily
Jno. Wilkinson Jr
John Howard
John wilkinson
Joseph Wood
Jno. Relfe
Chas. Stow Jr.
William Vanderspiegel
John Boyle
Wm Ritchie
B. Fuller
Edw. Shute
Jacob
George Reed
Thos. Rivers
Wm Hunneck
James Whitton
Mark Kuhl
John Leacock

Thos. Williams
Thos. Preston
David Hall
Henry Rigby
Geo. Robotham
Richd. Footman
Richd. Stiles
Henry Dawkins
H. Hughes

Proposal of 74 Persons
to have Mr. McClenachan
admitted as an Assistant

= this Paper was borrowed
of me by D: Roberdeau,
about the 12th of May 1759
[illegible] when he promised to
return it, (soon as I thought)
but did not untill thei this Day
Sept: 11th: 1760,

Evane Morgan

Gentlemen

Boston May 31. 1759

Your letter directed to the Revd. Dr. Cutler we receiv'd; The Doctor thro' Age & Infirmity being Incapeable to act in any Buisness (Especially in a matter of this Consequence) desired wee would Returne you an answer —— In Respect to ye Gentleman whose Character you desire of us, wee have Only a Superfitial Knowledge of him & therefore Cannot be Supposed to be Qualified to Oblige you in your request, In short it is not in our Power (who are as much Strangers to him as you are) to say any thing from our own knowlege pro or Con, otherways wee should do it with ye utmost Cheerfulness; & be Glad to Embrace any Opportunity Either of preventing a Bad or promoting a Good Mans Establishment in that Church for which wee have the Graitest Veneration ——

Wee are, Gentlemen with Esteem

Your most hum. Servant

John Pigeon
&
Thomas Ivers

Wardens of Christ Church

To Mess. Evan Morgan
& Alexander Stedman

at Philadelphia

Letter frm ye Church
Wardens of Xt-Church
Boston, relative
to Mr Mauerenachan

B.o 7 dnt — To

Mr Evan Morgan
In Water Street
Philadelphia

Bulley Carter
Widow Benham
Widow Ashburnham
Widow Bayard
Widow Laborer
Elis. Armstrong
Wm Meredith
Jno Hopkins